

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users  
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

**OBJECTION DEADLINE: MAY 3, 2021.** THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 1371 RIMTOP DRIVE, BILLINGS, MT 59105-1978 FAX: 406-247-4416 PHONE: 406-247-4415.

**Application Number:** 43P 30149944

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**WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED**

<u>Water Right Type</u>	<u>Water Right Number</u>	<u>Priority Date</u>
PROVISIONAL PERMIT	43P 86260-00	JUNE 29, 1993
Historical Flow Rate: 1,500. GPM	Historical Consumptive Volume: 333.43 AC-FT	
	Historical Diverted Volume: 486.00 AC-FT	

**PAST USE OF WATER**

THE HISTORIC USE WAS FOR 162 ACRES OF WHEEL LINE IRRIGATION IN THE SW SECTION 3 AND SE SECTION 4, T1S, R33E, BIG HORN COUNTY, USING WATER FROM THE BIGHORN RIVER VIA THE TWO LEGGINS CANAL HEADGATE LOCATED IN GOVT LOT 3, IN THE NWSESE SECTION 20, T2S, R33E, BIG HORN COUNTY.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE PLACE OF USE FROM 162 ACRES OF WHEEL LINE IRRIGATION IN THE SW SECTION 3 AND SE SECTION 4, T1S, R33E, BIG HORN COUNTY, TO 207 ACRES OF CENTER PIVOT SPRINKLER IRRIGATION IN THE SW SECTION 3 AND SE SECTION 4, T1S, R33E, BIG HORN COUNTY. 16 ACRES OF WHEEL LINE IRRIGATION WILL BE RETAINED IN THE SWSW SECTION 3, T1S, R33E. THE POINT OF DIVERSION AT THE TWO LEGGINS CANAL HEADGATE AND HISTORIC CONSUMPTIVE USE WILL NOT CHANGE.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

THIS CHANGE IS CONDITIONED TO REQUIRE A MEASURING DEVICE AND WILL LIMIT THE DIVERTED VOLUME TO THE AMOUNT NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE HISTORIC CONSUMED VOLUME.

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